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Section 9
Economic and social information and policy analysis
(Programme 7 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001)

Overview

9.1 The programme will be implemented by the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis.

9.2 The main objective of the programme is to promote an integrated approach to economic, social and environmental aspects of development. It aims to attain this objective by providing information on, promoting understanding of and enhancing insight into development processes. To this end, the programme assembles and disseminates data, analyses development experiences and provides technical cooperation. These activities assist Governments, the international community and non-governmental organizations both in determining development priorities and in devising policies and measures to achieve them at the international, national and local levels.

9.3 The programme derives its legislative authority from a broad body of intergovernmental mandates provided by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Statistical Commission and the Commission on Population and Development. Many of these mandates are well established and are the basis for much of the work under the programme. However, the programmes of action adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women have added some new dimensions to the programme.

9.4 The programme comprises four subprogrammes. Each subprogramme has a clearly defined sectoral or thematic scope and provides intergovernmental bodies and the international community with a global perspective on developments in its areas of competence. At the same time, the four subprogrammes complement and supplement each other in a variety of ways. Within each subprogramme, the analytical, information and technical cooperation functions operate in an increasingly synergistic manner. In particular, technical cooperation activities, notably in statistics and population, take advantage of the broad base of knowledge and skills built up by the Department.

9.5 The resources proposed for the programme include a growth of $1,426,500, or 3.0 per cent. The growth represents the combined effect of the application of new standardized vacancy rates, the delayed impact of the new posts (1 D-2, 1 P-5, 1 P-3 and 2 P-2) established in the biennium 1996-1997, increased non-post requirements for the substantive areas of work, the share of the programme in the cost of the International Computing Centre at Geneva and the proposed abolition of 6 Professional (1 D-1, 1 P-5 and 4 P-2) and 14 General Service (3 Principal level and 11 Other level) posts. The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of the Department would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	0.3	—
B.	Executive direction and management	2.4	—
C.	Programme of activities	92.1	98.8
D.	Programme support	5.2	1.2
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

9.6 The distribution of these resources by major field of activities and by object of expenditure is detailed in tables 9.1 to 9.3 below.

Table 9.1 **Summary of requirements by component**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Policy-making organs	785.6	146.6	—	—	146.6	8.9	155.5
B. Executive direction and management	1 964.3	1 886.4	(709.9)	(37.6)	1 176.5	71.9	1 248.4
C. Programme of work	41 901.5	42 846.5	2 012.3	4.6	44 858.8	2 608.2	47 467.0
D. Programme support	2 673.8	2 396.7	124.1	5.1	2 520.8	156.1	2 676.9
Total	**47 325.2**	**47 276.2**	**1 426.5**	**3.0**	**48 702.7**	**2 845.1**	**51 547.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
3 041.0	401.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	404.6
		(b) Substantive activities	
343.6	—	Trust Fund for International Economic and Social Research	—
337.5	255.0	Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projections	241.0
16.2	16.6	Trust Fund for the International Comparison Project	—
1 267.2	2 759.3	UNFPA	2 920.6
30.6	37.4	Other sources	40.0
		(c) Operational projects	
3 445.8	3 212.0	UNFPA	3 920.0
8 481.9	**6 681.5**		**7 526.2**
55 807.1	**53 957.7**		**59 074.0**

Table 9.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	43 830.0	43 611.6	967.9	2.2	44 579.5	2 597.7	47 177.2
Other staff costs	768.4	272.7	230.7	84.4	503.4	30.2	533.6
Consultants and experts	585.4	773.1	(16.4)	(2.1)	756.7	45.4	802.1
Travel	524.7	576.9	(88.4)	(15.3)	488.5	29.4	517.9
Contractual services	538.6	591.9	(34.0)	(5.7)	557.9	33.4	591.3
General operating expenses	869.2	831.8	(31.6)	(3.7)	800.2	47.9	848.1
Hospitality	4.3	4.7	—	—	4.7	0.3	5.0
Supplies and materials	66.1	59.4	—	—	59.4	3.5	62.9
Furniture and equipment	138.5	554.1	(190.9)	(34.4)	363.2	22.1	385.3
Grants and contributions	—	—	589.2	—	589.2	35.2	624.4
Total	**47 325.2**	**47 276.2**	**1 426.5**	**3.0**	**48 702.7**	**2 845.1**	**51 547.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1998-1999 estimates*
6 737.4	5 034.6	Posts	5 713.6
387.6	—	Other staff costs	—
771.1	564.5	Consultants and experts	530.9
276.0	464.5	Travel	550.5
98.8	184.0	Contractual services	130.0
17.6	51.5	General operating expenses	69.0
7.4	23.8	Supplies and materials	26.8
81.6	98.7	Furniture and equipment	111.3
—	—	Improvement to premises	—
—	108.0	Grants and contributions	110.0
104.4	151.9	Other	284.1
8 481.9	**6 681.5**		**7 526.2**
55 807.1	**53 957.7**		**59 074.0**

Table 9.3 **Post requirements**[a]

Organizational unit: Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
D-1	13	12	—	—	2	2	15	14
P-5	28	27	—	—	7	9	35	36
P-4/3	76	79	—	—	7	6	83	85
P-2/1	26	19	—	—	4	4	30	23
Total	**148**	**142**	**—**	**—**	**20**	**21**	**167**	**162**
General Service category								
Principal level	29	26	—	—	—	—	29	26
Other levels	101	90	—	—	9	9	110	99
Total	**130**	**116**	**—**	**—**	**9**	**9**	**139**	**125**
Grand total	**278**	**258**	**—**	**—**	**29**	**30**	**307**	**288**

[a] In addition, four gratis personnel on non-reimbursable loan have been contributed for the biennium 1996-1997 (one at the P-5 level and three at the P-4 level). It is anticipated that in the biennium 1998-1999 the same number of gratis personnel will be contributed.

A. Policy-making organs

Table 9.4 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
1. Statistical Commission	103.4	56.1	—	—	56.1	3.4	59.5
2. Commission on Population and Development	41.2	90.5	—	—	90.5	5.5	96.0
3. International Conference on Population and Development	634.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Fourth World Conference on Women	7.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	785.6	146.6	—	—	146.6	8.9	155.5

1. Statistical Commission

9.7 The Statistical Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 8 (I) of 16 and 18 February 1946. Its terms of reference, as set out in Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) of 21 June 1946 and 1566 (L) of 3 May 1971, are to assist the Council in: (a) promoting the development of national statistics and the improvement of their comparability; (b) coordination of the statistical work of the specialized agencies; (c) development of the central statistical services of the Secretariat; (d) advising the

organs of the United Nations on general questions relating to the collection, interpretation and dissemination of statistical information; and (e) promoting the improvement of statistical methods in general.

9.8 The Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1306 (XLIV) of 31 May 1968. At its seventeenth session, the Statistical Commission decided that the Working Group should: (a) deal with questions of policy, coordination and priorities of the statistical programmes of the United Nations system; (b) constitute a means by which the Statistical Commission could maintain contact, between biennial meetings, with the work of the Statistics Division of the Secretariat and of the statistical services of the specialized agencies; (c) consider current questions, relating to the United Nations system, of organization, policies, arrangements and priorities for the electronic data-processing of economic and social statistics, including databases; and (d) consider questions regarding the statistics required for purposes of reviews and appraisals.

9.9 The thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission will be held from 1 to 5 March 1999 and the nineteenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination will be held from 10 to 13 February 1998.

2. Commission on Population and Development

9.10 The Population Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 3 (III) of 3 October 1946. Its terms of reference were initially set out in Council resolution 150 (VII) of 10 August 1948. Following the International Conference on Population and Development and the adoption of the Programme of Action by the Conference, the General Assembly, in its resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994, renamed the Population Commission the Commission on Population and Development, decided that it should meet on an annual basis and revised its terms of reference. The mandate of the Commission was further revised by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/124 of 20 December 1995. The membership of the Commission was increased from 27 to 47, each elected for a four-year term (Council decision 1995/320 of 12 December 1995). The Commission normally meets annually for a period of five working days.

9.11 The revised mandate of the Commission includes: (a) arranging for studies and advising the Council on population issues and trends, the integration of population and development strategies, population and related development policies and programmes, provision of population assistance and addressing any population and development questions on which either the principal or the subsidiary organs of the United Nations or the specialized agencies may seek advice; (b) monitoring, reviewing and assessing the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the national, regional and global levels, identifying reasons for success and failure and advising the Council thereon; and (c) reviewing the findings of research and analysis pertaining to the interrelationship between population and development at the national, regional and global levels and advising the Council thereon.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

9.12 It is estimated that a provision of $146,600 would be required in connection with the activities of the functional commissions mentioned above, as follows:

(a) Travel of members of the Statistical Commission to attend its thirtieth session, in 1999, and travel of members of the Commission's Working Group to attend its nineteenth meeting ($56,100);

(b) Travel of members of the Commission on Population and Development to attend its thirty-first and thirty-second sessions, in 1998 and 1999 respectively ($90,500).

B. Executive direction and management

Table 9.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 766.4	1 412.7	(238.2)	(16.8)	1 174.5	71.7	1 246.2
Consultants and experts	142.7	159.7	(159.7)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Travel	48.9	115.7	(115.7)	(100.0)	—	—	—
General operating expenses	6.3	5.8	(3.8)	(65.5)	2.0	0.2	2.2
Furniture and equipment	—	192.5	(192.5)	(100.0)	—	—	—
Total	**1 964.3**	**1 886.4**	**(709.9)**	**(37.6)**	**1 176.5**	**71.9**	**1 248.4**

Table 9.6 **Post requirements**

Programme: Executive direction and management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**4**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**3**
General Service category								
Other levels	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
Grand total	**7**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**6**

9.13 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General provides overall direction, supervision and management of the Department for the implementation of its mandates and approved programme of work. As part of its management and coordination activities, the Office produces a monthly newsletter entitled "DESIPA in Brief". The Office coordinates with other departments on issues of mutual concern under the programme of work and with regional commissions. The Office also coordinates the preparation of a working paper series on current and emerging issues of the Department's concern.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.14 The staffing requirements for the Office of the Under-Secretary-General consist of one Under-Secretary-General, one P-5, one P-4 and three General Service (Other level) posts. One D-1 post is proposed for abolition.

General operating expenses

9.15 The estimated requirements ($2,000) are for maintenance of office automation equipment in the Office of the Under-Secretary-General.

C. Programme of work

Table 9.7 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme		1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1998-1999 estimates
				Amount	Percentage			
1.	Statistics	22 579.9	21 471.0	1 483.7	6.9	22 954.7	1 176.8	24 131.5
2.	Population	6 845.9	7 689.3	221.7	2.8	7 911.0	515.4	8 426.4
3.	Global development trends, issues and policies	11 362.6	9 180.9	100.3	1.0	9 281.2	595.4	9 876.6
4.	Global approaches to social and microeconomic issues and policies	1 113.1	4 505.3	206.6	4.5	4 711.9	320.6	5 032.5
	Total	**41 901.5**	**42 846.5**	**2 012.3**	**4.6**	**44 858.8**	**2 608.2**	**47 467.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	1996-1997 estimates	Source of funds	1998-1999 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
2 869.0	295.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	298.6
		(b) Substantive activities	
343.6	—	Trust Fund for International Economic and Social Research	—
337.5	255.0	Trust Fund for Development Planning and projections	241.0
16.2	16.6	Trust Fund for the International Comparison Project	—
1 267.2	2 759.3	UNFPA	2 920.6
30.6	37.4	Other sources	40.0
		(c) Operational projects	
3 445.8	3 212.0	UNFPA	3 920.0
8 309.9	**6 575.5**		**7 420.2**
50 211.4	**49 422.0**		**54 887.2**

Subprogramme 1
Statistics

Table 9.8 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	21 517.2	20 193.8	585.9	2.9	20 779.7	1 046.6	21 826.3
Other staff costs	—	—	269.9	—	269.9	16.1	286.0
Consultants and experts	163.4	307.0	39.6	12.8	346.6	20.7	367.3
Travel	119.7	88.9	52.0	58.4	140.9	8.4	149.3
Contractual services	421.9	388.2	(22.1)	(5.6)	366.1	21.9	388.0
General operating expenses	281 8	335.5	(90.4)	(26.9)	245.1	14.7	259.8
Furniture and equipment	75.9	157.6	59.6	37.8	217.2	13.2	230.4
Grants and contributions	—	—	589.2	—	589.2	35.2	624.4
Total	**22 579.9**	**21 471.0**	**1 483.7**	**6.9**	**22 954.7**	**1 176.8**	**24 131.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
2 869.0	295.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	298.6
		(b) Substantive activities	
343.6	—	Trust Fund for International Economic and Social Research	—
—	2 015.0	UNFPA	2 113.0
16.2	16.6	Trust Fund for the International Comparison Project	—
		(c) Operational projects	
2 098.5	2 082.0	UNFPA	2 135.0
5 327.3	**4 408.8**	**Total**	**4 546.6**
27 907.2	**25 879.8**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**28 678.1**

Table 9.9 **Post requirements**[a]

Programme: Statistics

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	6	6	—	—	2	2	8	8
P-5	9	9	—	—	4	4	13	13
P-4/3	34	37	—	—	4	4	38	41
P-2/1	17	12	—	—	2	2	19	14
Total	**67**	**65**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**12**	**79**	**77**
General Service category								
Principal level	12	12	—	—	—	—	12	12
Other levels	54	48	—	—	5	5	59	53
Total	**66**	**60**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**5**	**71**	**65**
Grand total	**133**	**125**	**—**	**—**	**17**	**17**	**150**	**142**

[a] In addition, three gratis personnel on non-reimbursable loan have been contributed for the biennium 1996-1997 (one at the P-5 level and two at the P-4 level). It is anticipated that in the biennium 1998-1999, the same number of gratis personnel will be contributed.

9.16 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Statistics Division.

9.17 The Statistics Division, during the biennium 1998-1999, will continue to provide substantive inputs to the activities of the Statistical Commission and its Working Group and to serve as a global centre for the international collection, standardization, analysis and dissemination of economic, social and related data, with particular attention to data systems on international trade, environment, energy, industrial commodity production, national accounts and demographic and social statistics. In particular, the Division will continue to develop the United Nations Economic and Social Information System (UNESIS) in cooperation with the regional commissions. UNESIS is an information system encompassing data collection, processing, storage, exchange and dissemination of economic and social information to users for policy-making purposes.

9.18 Special efforts will be made to improve the usefulness and accessibility of international economic and social data to international and national policy makers. The quality of international statistics and metadata and their usefulness for policy monitoring and analysis will be enhanced through the development and application of new data-processing, network and quality control technologies to enhance coverage, reliability and timeliness in collection, processing and dissemination.

9.19 Efforts of the Division to expand the number of countries that implement the 1993 System of National Accounts will continue. The Statistics Division, in close collaboration with other international organizations, will undertake a series of activities aimed at improving economic statistics and promoting the System of National Accounts, *inter alia*, through training and other forms of technical cooperation.

9.20 The subprogramme will continue to play an important part in the implementation of Agenda 21, particularly with regard to the development and dissemination of integrated environmental and economic accounting statistics and indicators of sustainable development. For example, revisions to the System for Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA) will be produced to improve the international community's ability to measure the environment-related expenditures and the impact of human activity on the environment.

9.21 To monitor progress in the human dimensions of development, the Division will extend the scope and dissemination of consistent and integrated sets of social statistics (including demographic, housing, gender and disability statistics, social indicators and analysis).

9.22 The Division will continue to coordinate and harmonize the collection and dissemination of statistical information by the international agencies. It will also continue to provide support to Member States in the development and strengthening of their institutional capabilities in the area of statistics and statistical data-processing through the provision of advisory services, workshops, seminars and fellowships. A key dimension of the subprogramme will continue to be the coordination and development of international statistical standards.

Activities

9.23 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings. Statistical Commission (14 meetings); Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination (10 meetings); Committee on Contributions (80 meetings); Fifth Committee of the General Assembly (20 meetings);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation. Nine reports to the thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission on progress of international trade statistics, national accounts, critical issues in economic statistics, including the International Comparison Project, international classifications, UNESIS draft standards for data structure and metadata in international data exchange and dissemination; one report of the Working Group at its nineteenth session; two reports of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities; one report of the Task Force on Environment Statistics; one report on progress in demographic, housing, social and gender statistics; one report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on development indicators of women's rights; one report to the Commission on the Status of Women on development of gender statistics; one report to the Commission on Human Settlements on the development of human settlements statistics; one report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the United Nations Survey on Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems; one report to the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on inventory of data collection activities; and outlines of substantive reports for the thirtieth session of the Statistical Commission;

(iii) Ad hoc expert group meetings. Seven ad hoc expert group meetings on environment statistics, vital statistics and civil registration systems; compilation of trade statistics; the computerization of national accounts, international economic and social classifications (two expert meetings); review of UNESIS draft standards for data structure and metadata in international data exchange and dissemination;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Sixty-nine recurrent publications. The *Compendium of Environmental Indicators*; *Environment Statistics Newsletter* (4); *Industrial Commodity Statistics Yearbook*, 1996 and 1997; *1996 Energy Balances and Electricity Profiles*; *Energy Statistics Yearbook*, 1996 and 1997; *Demographic Yearbook*, 48th and 49th editions (print and CD-ROM); *Population and Vital Statistics Reports* (8); *Compendium of Human Settlements Statistics*; *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* (24, print and on-line); *Statistical Yearbook*, 1998 and 1999; *World Statistics Pocketbook*, 1998 and 1999; *International Trade Statistics Yearbook*, vols. I and II (45th and 46th editions; print and microfiche); international trade statistics (COMTRADE) microfiches (2); *Yearbook of National Accounts Statistics*, 1996 and 1997 (print); *SNA Newsletter: SNA News and Notes* (4); *Minimum National Social Data Set* (8); *Standard Country or Area Codes for Statistical Use* (Rev. 5); Technical notes on population, statistics and information systems (4);

(ii) Eleven non-recurrent publications. Report on country studies in environmental accounting; *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses* (CD-ROM); *Indicators on Women and Men* (print and on-line); principles and recommendations for vital statistics and

civil registration systems; *Guide on Development and Analysis of Criminal Justice Statistics* (in cooperation with the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division); UNESIS standards for data structure and metadata in international data exchange and dissemination: technical paper; compendium of country experiences with the computerization of national accounts; technical report on the compilation of production accounts for the financial sector; compendium of country experiences with the practical compilation of household sector accounts; *World Comparisons of Real Gross Domestic Product and Purchasing Power 1993*; *Functional Classifications of the System of National Accounts*;

(iii) Technical material. Technical papers on environmental statistics and accounting (annual); synopsis of inventory of activities in environment statistics; revised commodity list for use in the area of industrial commodity production statistics; use of statistics for monitoring national implementation of the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; second version of the micro-computer interface "COMTRADE for Windows"; technical papers on conceptual issues in national and satellite accounting and analysis (annual); training material for the implementation of the System of National Accounts; recurrent analytical tables based on the national accounts database (annual); correspondence tables between classifications (annual); alphabetical and numeric index of sections 5 to 9 of the Central Product Classification, version 1.0; update of the Classifications Inventory (annual); Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG) (Rev.1); Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP); report on the Inventory of Classifications; *International Comparison Project Information Circular* (in print and on-line) (annual); update of the International Comparison Project classification of expenditures based on newly revised COICOP; draft compiler manual for international trade statistics; disability indicators on Internet (1998) and update (1999); Wistat (version 4); Datahouse (version 2); *Disability: Trends and Statistics*; and United Nations statistics homepage on the United Nations World WideWeb site (monthly updates);

(iv) Updated databases on: environment; national accounts; general industrial statistics on mining, electricity and water; commodity production statistics; index numbers of industrial production; construction statistics; trade statistics; economic statistics, classifications; demographic and social statistics; responses to ad hoc requests from Member States and other users for information on internationally recommended concepts and methods, as well as national practices in the fields of environment, energy and industry statistics, trade statistics, economic statistics, classifications, and demographic and social statistics; provision of information on computer tapes, diskettes, printouts and customized formats in the fields of environment, energy and industry statistics, economic statistics, classifications, and demographic and social statistics; and UNESIS common databases;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)*

(i) Participation in activities of intergovernmental bodies outside the United Nations system. Substantive servicing and participation in annual meetings of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Advancement of Environment Statistics, the Group on Production Classifications, the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics, the London Group on the revision of the System of Environment and Economic Accounting, and the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization; and provision of advice on scale of assessment methodology to other organizations (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, OAU, etc.);

(ii) Participation in activities of non-governmental organizations. Session of the International Statistical Institute;

(iii) Participation in activities of funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system. Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts; Task Force of Trade-in-Services; inter-agency task forces on environment statistics, industrial and construction statistics, international trade statistics and finance statistics; Steering Committee on the Coordination of Technical Assistance in Statistics to the Countries of the Former Soviet Union; Conference of European Statisticians; Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers; ESCAP Committee of Statistics; ESCWA Committee of Statistics; ECLAC/OAS Committee of Statistics;

Coordinating Committee for African Statistical Development; Joint Consultative Group on Policy/Gender and Development Subgroup; Inter-agency Census Coordination Committee for Sub-Saharan Africa;

(iv) Substantive servicing of the annual meeting of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities and participation in the Administrative Committee on Coordination Inter-agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality;

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB)*

(i) Advisory services (approximately 60) at the request of Governments. Technical advisory services on economic, demographic, social, industrial, energy and environment, and trade statistics to developing countries and countries with economies in transition; and ad hoc provision of technical cooperation services on national accounts and computers and informatics;

(ii) Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia). Organization of three training workshops for developing regions;

(iii) Fellowships. Provision of short-term training, fellowships, study tours and on-the-job training for approximately 14 participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(iv) Field projects. Provision of technical services to 30 country, regional and interregional projects and training to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition to strengthen national capabilities in the collection, processing and dissemination of statistics.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.24 The staffing requirements for this subprogramme consist of 65 posts in the Professional category and above and 59 General Service (Other level) posts. It is proposed to abolish two P-2 posts and six General Service posts following an internal reallocation of functions among existing staff. It is also proposed to reclassify three P-2 posts to the P-3 level in order appropriately to reflect the expanded functions being performed and increased responsibilities of the posts. The growth of $585,900 represents the combined effect of these proposals and the application of new standardized vacancy rates.

Other staff costs

9.25 An estimated amount of $269,900 is requested for short-term specialist staff for the continued work related to the development of the UNESIS project, as well as the development of the required standards and programming work for UNESIS. Resources for these activities were previously allocated under executive direction and management.

Consultants and experts

9.26 An estimated provision of $346,600 is requested as follows: (a) $135,600, reflecting an increase of $51,400, for outside expertise not available in the Department for the preparation of handbooks and manuals and for inputs to be used by the expert group meetings; (b) $211,000 for the seven expert group meetings listed above. The increase of $51,400 is due to additional expertise needed as a result of the expansion of activities.

Travel

9.27 An estimated amount of $140,900, reflecting an increase of $52,000, would be required for official travel of the staff of the Division to participate in global, regional, subregional and national conferences, seminars and symposia that call for coordination and the Division's input for statistical development; to assist Member States in institutional development in statistics; and to ensure collaboration and liaison with the regional commissions on matters relating to statistical development. The increase would meet the actual requirements of the Division.

Contractual services

9.28 An estimated amount of $366,100 would be required for the production of microfiches for commodity trade statistics and the external printing of publications, handbooks, manuals and reports.

General operating expenses

9.29 An estimated amount of $245,100 would provide for the Division's share of the maintenance and support of the local area network (LAN) technical infrastructure (including central servers) necessary for the support of central management services such as e-mail, UNIX for IMIS, etc.

Furniture and equipment

9.30 An estimated provision of $217,200 would be required to upgrade and replace personal computers and related equipment, and to purchase additional equipment for the implementation of UNESIS. The increase of $59,600 is due to additional requirements for UNESIS, the resources of which were previously provided for under executive direction and management.

Grants and contributions

9.31 The estimated amount of $589,200 would provide for the Division's share of the payment to the International Computing Centre (ICC) for the operation and maintenance of the mainframe. ICC resources were formerly budgeted under section 29, Jointly financed administrative activities.

Subprogramme 2
Population

Table 9.10 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 561.4	7 212.5	336.9	4.6	7 549.4	493.5	8 042.9
Consultants and experts	83.2	109.0	(31.5)	(28.8)	77.5	4.7	82.2
Travel	86.3	100.2	(3.8)	(3.7)	96.4	5.8	102.2
Contractual services	69.7	118.8	(29.4)	(24.7)	89.4	5.4	94.8
General operating expenses	40.4	72.6	(24.3)	(33.4)	48.3	2.9	51.2
Furniture and equipment	4.9	76.2	(26.2)	(34.3)	50.0	3.1	53.1
Total	**6 845.9**	**7 689.3**	**221.7**	**2.8**	**7 911.0**	**515.4**	**8 426.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
1 267.2	744.3	UNFPA	807.6
30.6	37.4	Other sources	40.0
		(c) Operational projects	
1 347.3	1 130.0	UNFPA	1 785.0
2 645.1	**1 911.7**	**Total**	**2 632.6**
9 491.0	**9 601.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**11 059.0**

Table 9.11 **Post requirements**

Programme: Population

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	7	6	—	—	3	5	10	11
P-4/3	14	15	—	—	1	—	15	15
P-2/1	2	2	—	—	2	2	4	4
Total	**26**	**26**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**7**	**32**	**33**
General Service category								
Principal level	6	4	—	—	—	—	6	4
Other levels	12	12	—	—	3	3	15	15
Total	**18**	**16**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**	**21**	**19**
Grand total	**44**	**42**	**—**	**—**	**9**	**10**	**53**	**52**

9.32 This subprogramme will be implemented by the Population Division.

9.33 The activities of the subprogramme during the biennium 1998-1999 will support the implementation of the actions contained in the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development. In particular, the activities will include the monitoring of progress towards the achievement of the goals set out in the Programme of Action, as well as analysing and investigating new policy issues and emerging global trends in the field of population and development.

9.34 Documentation and substantive services will be provided to the Commission on Population and Development, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, according to the long-term programme of the work of the Population Division, and as mandated. Analytical reports will be produced on the thematic issues before the Commission in 1998 and 1999, as well as the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

9.35 A major focus of the subprogramme will be to provide accurate and timely information and analyses of population trends and policies. During the biennium, official United Nations demographic estimates and projections will be prepared for all countries and areas of the world, as well as urban and rural areas and major cities. These estimates and projections will serve as the standard and consistent set of population figures for use throughout the United Nations system.

9.36 International migration, an area of concern highlighted by the Conference and by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, and the demographic and social consequences of the ageing of populations, will be two of the emerging issues of importance that will be addressed. Emphasis will be placed on the measurement of levels and trends of international migration, the analysis of its causes and its relationship to development. Other priority areas for analysis will be national population policies, including fertility, mortality and migration policies, and the relationships among population dynamics and development issues. Studies will be carried out on the social, economic and other factors that affect mortality, fertility, migration and population growth, and on population change and its effects on the social, economic and environmental conditions of people.

9.37 The activities in this subprogramme will increase Member States' capacity to formulate national population and related policies for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. Through the provision of technical cooperation, the subprogramme will assist Governments in improving their institutional capabilities for the collection and analysis of national population information and for the formulation of national policies. As part of the follow-up to the International Conference, the subprogramme will include the strengthening and expansion of the Population Information Network (POPIN) to enable it to respond effectively to requests for information and to support coordination among United Nations entities in the field of population.

Activities

9.38 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)*

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings. Second Committee of the General Assembly (4 meetings); Economic and Social Council (4 meetings); Commission on Population and Development (22 meetings); and intersessional meetings of the Bureau of the Commission (8 meetings);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation. Seven reports to the Commission on Population and Development world population monitoring (two), review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; progress reports on activities in the field of population (two); proposed programme of work in the field of population for 2000-2001; report on world demographic trends;

(iii) Ad hoc expert group meeting on population ageing;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Twenty-four recurrent publications. Levels and trends of international migration; international migration and its relationship with development; *World Population Prospects* annex tables; *World Population Prospects, Sex and Age Distribution of World Population; World Urbanization Prospects*, annex tables; *World Urbanization Prospects*; report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections at its twentieth session; *Global Population Policy Database, 1999*; *Population Policy Diskette Documentation*; *Population, Resources, Environment and Development Database Documentation; Summary of World Population Monitoring* (annual); *World Population Monitoring* (annual); review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; *Population Bulletin of the Untied Nations* (semi-annual); *Population Newsletter* (semi-annual);

(ii) Six non-recurrent publications on mortality; contraceptive use; nuptiality, adolescence and childbearing; the results of the eighth population inquiry among Governments; emerging issues in population policy; and population and development;

(iii) Technical material. Databases on contraceptive use; fertility levels and trends; mortality; international migration; world population; demographic indicators; sex and age in five year groups; populations; sex and age in single years; age patterns of fertility; urban and rural areas; urban agglomerations; global review and inventory of population policies; and population, resources, environment and development;

(iv) Information materials and services. Wall charts on world population, urban and rural areas, urban agglomerations, and contraceptive use; provision of ad hoc information services and data on contraceptive use, fertility, international migration, mortality and national, urban, rural and city estimates and projections and demographic indicators; provision of ad hoc information services and data on population policies and on interrelationships between population and development trends; catalogue of Population Division publications; documentation on POPIN and the POPIN Gopher/World Wide Web site; population reference centre acquisition list (monthly); activities of the POPIN Advisory and Coordination Committee; activities of the POPIN Information Technology Working Group; state of the art report in the area of population and development strategies; evaluation of population and reproductive health programmes; population data analysis and research; training in population and development;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB).* Contributions to inter-departmental activities, including activities of inter-agency task forces, on international migration, mortality, fertility and family planning; activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections (twentieth session); inter-agency and inter-departmental activities on provision of basic social services for all, population policies, status of women and sustainable development; collaboration with organizations of the United Nations system in the preparation of reports to the Commission on Population and Development on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population and on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; activities of the POPIN Advisory and Coordinating Committee and collaboration with organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in the dissemination of population information through the POPIN Gopher/World Wide Web site; liaison with governmental and non-governmental organizations working in the field of population in relation to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

(d) *Technical cooperation (RB/XB)*

(i) Advisory missions to Member States and provision of technical support in the fields of mortality, internal and international migration; population estimates and projections; implementation of population policies and programmes and development issues; and information technologies in the field of population (16 missions);

(ii) Provision of advice to Member States and regional support teams in the formulation and implementation of population and development strategies; training in population and development; population data analysis and research; and evaluation of population and reproductive health programmes (32 missions to be undertaken by four technical support specialists).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.39 The staffing requirements for this subprogramme consist of 26 posts in the Professional category and above and 16 General Service posts. One P-5 post is proposed for reclassification to the P-4 level to reflect enhanced functions in the area of migrations. Two General Service (Principal level) posts are proposed for abolition as a result of the use of improved working methods. The resources growth of $336,900 represents the combined effect of these proposals, the application of new standardized vacancy rates and the delayed impact of one P-5 post established in the biennium 1996-1997.

Consultants and experts

9.40 A reduced provision of $77,500 is requested to cover specialized consultancy services not available in the Secretariat for the preparation of material on specific themes to be addressed by the Commission on Population and Development, as well as for the preparation of the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development to be presented to the Commission on Population and Development in 1999. The reduction also reflects past expenditure experience.

Travel

9.41 The estimated requirements of $96,400 relate to travel of staff on mission for consultations, data collection, research, liaison and collaboration with regional commissions and intergovernmental organizations in connection with the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development and the 1998-1999 programme of work.

Contractual services

9.42 The reduced requirements of $89,400 relate to the production of various recurrent and non-recurrent publications under the programme of work.

General operating expenses

9.43 The estimated requirements of $48,300 relate to rental and maintenance of data-processing and office automation equipment.

Furniture and equipment

9.44 The reduced requirements of $50,000 relate to the acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment.

Subprogramme 3
Global development trends, issues and policies

Table 9.12 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	11 042.1	8 836.8	(93.6)	(1.0)	8 743.2	563.4	9 306.6
Other staff costs	—	—	31.6	—	31.6	1.9	33.5
Consultants and experts	120.5	128.5	93.8	72.9	222.3	13.4	235.7
Travel	76.4	74.5	—	—	74.5	4.4	78.9
Contractual services	47.0	40.6	61.8	152.2	102.4	6.0	108.4
General operating expenses	57.0	50.4	6.7	13.2	57.1	3.3	60.4
Furniture and equipment	19.6	50.1	—	—	50.1	3.0	53.1
Total	**11 362.6**	**9 180.9**	**100.3**	**1.0**	**9 281.2**	**595.4**	**9 876.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Development	
337.5	255.0	Planning and Projection	241.0
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
337.5	**255.0**	**Total**	**241.0**
11 700.1	**9 435.9**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**10 117.6**

Table 9.13 **Post requirements**[a]

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	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-5	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
P-4/3	16	16	—	—	—	—	16	16
P-2/1	4	3	—	—	—	—	4	3
Total	**30**	**29**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**30**	**29**
General Service category								
Principal level	9	8	—	—	—	—	9	8
Other levels	15	11	—	—	—	—	15	11
Total	**24**	**19**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**24**	**19**
Grand total	**54**	**48**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**54**	**48**

a In addition, one gratis staff member at the P-4 level on non-reimbursable loan has been contributed for the biennium 1996-1997. It is anticipated that in the biennium 1998-1999, the loan will be continued.

9.45 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Macroeconomics Division.

9.46 The overall objective of the subprogramme is to provide timely information on, and analysis of, global macroeconomic developments, with a view to promoting the full and effective integration of all countries into the world economy.

9.47 One major consequence of globalization and liberalization is that Governments can no longer manage their national economies without an understanding of, and cooperation regarding, developments in the world economy. Individually, Governments need to understand, foresee and react to the consequences for their national economies of increasing exposure to external forces; they also have to take measures to ensure that their countries are in a position to seize the opportunities that the global economy presents. Collectively, Governments need to be informed about those aspects of the globalization process that call for a multilateral response.

9.48 As a contribution to these needs for global economic analysis, a first set of activities under this subprogramme will involve the monitoring and assessment of economic developments that have international causes or consequences. The associated outputs of the subprogramme will include semi-annual short-term economic forecasts for the regions and major economies of the world. The annual *World Economic and Social Survey* will complement these forecasts with analysis of topical global economic issues, while the preparation of a long-term socio-economic perspective will facilitate the formulation of development strategies for the twenty-first century.

9.49 A second dimension will be the examination of national policies, in which attention will be focused on two aspects. The first will assess the efforts and achievements of countries in undertaking measures to improve their position in the world economy; the objective will be to identify the lessons learned. The second will address the consequences of national economic developments and policy measures for other countries, particularly the more vulnerable members of the international community. The objective of this second area of work will be to support international economic cooperation, particularly the efforts of the United Nations in this regard. Activities will include the preparation of reports for the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic

Cooperation, the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade and the Agenda for Development, as well as on such issues as global financial integration, the external debt situation and financing of development.

Activities

9.50 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)*

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings. Second Committee of the General Assembly (24 meetings); Economic and Social Council (16 meetings);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

a. General Assembly. Twelve reports on finance for development; global financial integration and the strengthening of collaboration between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods Institutions, in particular IMF (two); external debt crisis and development (two); sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development; financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developed and developing countries; and overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy;

b. Economic and Social Council. *World Economic and Social Survey* (two) and two reports on the state of the world economy (two);

(iii) Ten ad hoc expert group meetings on special and emerging macroeconomic issues related to the preparation of the *World Economic and Social Survey* (four); on the prospects for sub-Saharan Africa in a globalizing economy; on Asian development successes: causes and replicability; for Project LINK on the outlook for the world economy related to the preparation of the *World Economic and Social Survey* and the report on the state of the world economy (four);

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) Recurrent publication. *World Economic and Social Survey* (annual).

(ii) Seven non-recurrent publications. *Overall Socioeconomic Perspective for the World Economy*; six working papers on selected macroeconomic issues, including changing world patterns in income distribution, relationships between economic growth and trade, the relationship between economic growth and merchandise trade, financing the social safety net in services, emerging issues in development finance in the twenty-first century and possible strategies for international development in the twenty-first century;

(iii) Technical material. Four issues of *World Economic Outlook*; four issues of *World Economic Situation and Emerging Global Macroeconomic Issues;*

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)*

Consultations and coordination with IMF, the World Bank and other relevant specialized organizations, including UNCTAD and the regional commissions; provision of improved global on-line access to the LINK model and its analytical databases to other bodies of the United Nations system and to Member States; external relations with a network of non-governmental research institutes through the exchange of background papers and informal consultations.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.51 The staffing requirements for this subprogramme consist of 29 posts in the Professional category and above and 19 General Service posts as shown in table 9.13 above. One P-2 and five General Service (Other level) posts are proposed for abolition following an internal redistribution of functions among existing staff. The decrease of resources ($93,600) represents the combined effect of these proposals and the application of new standardized vacancy rates.

Other staff costs

9.52 An amount of $31,600 is requested for general temporary assistance for computer assistance in data processing and temporary research assistance for the preparation of the *World Economic and Social Survey* and the report on the state of the world economy.

Consultants and experts

9.53 A provision of $222,300, reflecting a growth of $93,800, is requested to provide (a) $99,600, reflecting a growth of $32,900, to provide for specialized expertise in the preparation of inputs to technical papers under the responsibility of the subprogramme, the preparation of material on emerging global macroeconomic issues, and high-level computer programming expertise to transfer the Division's macroeconomic models and databases from the Secretariat's mainframe computer to the Division's personal computers and LAN; (b) $122,700, reflecting a growth of $60,900, for six ad hoc expert groups on: financing social safety nets, emerging issues in development finance (two meetings), strategies for international development in the twenty-first century, prospects for sub-Saharan Africa in a globalizing economy, and Asian development successes, sustainability and replicability. The increased resources would allow a wider participation in the meetings.

Travel

9.54 An amount of $74,500 is requested to provide for the travel of staff for servicing the Economic and Social Council when it meets in Geneva and for liaison and coordination with the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for research and collection of data on issues under the programme of work.

Contractual services

9.55 A provision of $102,400 is requested for the production and external printing of the *World Economic and Social Survey*, and the *Overall Socioeconomic Perspective of the World Economy* and a number or other publications. The increase of $61,800 is due to the cost of higher quality production and the printing of these publications in languages other than English.

General operating expenses

9.56 The estimated amount of $57,100 would represent the Division's share of the maintenance and support of the LAN technical infrastructure (including central servers) necessary for the support of central management services such as e-mail, UNIX for IMIS, etc.

Equipment

9.57 The estimated amount of $50,100 would be required to upgrade computers of the Division and to acquire specialized software.

Subprogramme 4
Global approaches to social and microeconomic issues and policies

Table 9.14 **Summary by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	948.1	4 194.1	269.9	6.4	4 464.0	305.6	4 769.6
Consultants and experts	54.2	68.9	41.4	60.0	110.3	6.6	116.9
Travel	41.3	51.0	(20.9)	(40.9)	30.1	1.9	32.0
Contractual services	—	44.3	(44.3)	(100.0)	—	—	—
General operating expenses	58.8	93.2	(17.5)	(18.7)	75.7	4.5	80.2
Furniture and equipment	10.7	53.8	(22.0)	(40.8)	31.8	2.0	33.8
Total	**1 113.1**	**4 505.3**	**206.6**	**4.5**	**4 711.9**	**320.6**	**5 032.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
—	—	(a) Services in support of: (i) United Nations organizations (ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
Total —	—		—
Total (1) and (2) **1 113.1**	**4 505.3**		**5 032.5**

Table 9.15 **Post requirements**

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	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-4/3	10	9	—	—	—	—	10	9
P-2/1	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	2
Total	**18**	**16**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**18**	**16**
General Service category								
Principal level	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other levels	9	8	—	—	—	—	9	8
Total	**9**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**9**	**8**
Grand total	**27**	**24**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**27**	**24**

9.58 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Microeconomic and Social Analysis Division.

9.59 The overall purpose of the subprogramme will be to assist the international community in its policy deliberations for developing and promoting an integrated view of the economic, social and political linkages in the development process. This will be achieved by carrying out multisectoral analyses of key policy issues identified by the recent global conferences on development in order to support national and international efforts for the implementation of their outcomes.

9.60 The subprogramme will focus on meeting the needs of Member States for information and policy-oriented analysis on the role of individual agents and market mechanisms in national efforts to foster economic growth and to increase efficiency and distributional equity. Activities will include analytical studies on the potential and shortcomings of market solutions to problems of allocation, distribution and regulation, in particular with regard to the provision of public goods and services, at the national and international levels. Attention will also be paid to research and analysis on public expenditure patterns, tax systems and privatization policies; the effects of new technologies on earnings, income distribution and labour markets; the determinants of investment behaviour; and the location of economic activity.

9.61 Documentation and substantive support will be provided to the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, as well as the Administrative Committee on Coordination task forces for the follow-up to the global conferences on selected issues, such as promoting social integration and participation of all people, and social services for all. The Division will undertake integrated analyses of global patterns and trends in socio-economic development and their implications for national and international strategies, and will examine the evolving role of economic and social institutions and policy instruments, with particular reference to the core issues of the World Summit for Social Development. An interim report on the world social situation and reports on emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting social development will be produced.

9.62 The subprogramme will also respond to requests from Governments and intergovernmental bodies for information, methodologies, assessments and policy proposals regarding the linkages between political and economic issues and policies. The Division will prepare reports for the General Assembly and the Security Council, as required, on the economic and social impact of United Nations-imposed sanctions, on the

imposition of coercive economic measures and the peace-development link. Cooperation with relevant organizations and institutions inside and outside the United Nations system will be maintained.

Activities

9.63 During the biennium the following activities will be undertaken:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies*

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings. General Assembly (6 meetings); Economic and Social Council (4 meetings); plenary and working groups of the Commission for Social Development (24 meetings);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

a. General Assembly. Four reports on economic assistance to countries affected by the implementation of multilateral economic sanctions (two); economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries; and an interim report on the world social situation;

b. Economic and Social Council. Two reports on the role of the welfare state in income distribution; and on privatization and deregulation policies in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

c. Commission for Social Development. Four analytical reports on promoting social integration and participation of all people, including disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and persons; social services for all; and emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting social development, including the situation of special groups (two);

(iii) Three ad hoc expert groups on privatization and deregulation policies in developing countries and countries with economies in transition; global patterns and trends in social expenditures and their implications for national and international development strategies; and the impact of multilateral sanctions and of coercive economic measures on target countries and third States;

(b) *Other substantive activities*

(i) Six non-recurrent publications. Supplement to the *1997 Report on the World Social Situation*; contribution of small and medium-size enterprises to economic development; the role of market mechanisms in the provision of public goods and services; global patterns and trends in social expenditures and their implications for development strategies at the national and international levels; effects of new technologies on earnings, income distribution and labour markets; and determinants of investment behaviour and the location of economic activity;

(ii) Information materials and services. Divisional Homepage on Internet; and database on world social patterns and trends;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison*

Substantive servicing of the Administrative Committee on Coordination task forces and other interagency working groups on the follow-up to the global conferences (annual), through provision of background papers and reports of the meetings.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.64 The staffing requirements for this subprogramme consist of 16 posts in the Professional category and above and 8 General Service posts, as shown in table 9.15 above. One P-3, one P-2 and one General Service post are proposed for abolition following a streamlining of the work of the Division. The growth of $269,900 represents the combined effect of the application of new standardized vacancy rates, the delayed impact of the new posts (one D-2, one P-3 and two P-2 posts) established in the biennium 1996-1997 and the abolition of one P-3, one P-2 and one General Service post.

Consultants and experts

9.65 The estimated requirements of $110,300, reflecting a growth of $41,400, include: (a) $60,400 under consultants, required for specialized expertise for the preparation of recurrent and non-recurrent publications, as well as analytical studies and working papers on microeconomic and social development issues; and (b) $49,900 for the three ad hoc expert group meetings mentioned in paragraph 9.63 (a) (iii) above. The growth of $41,400 ($24,100 under consultants and $17,300 under ad hoc expert group meetings) is due to a higher number of outputs and wider participation in meetings, respectively.

Travel

9.66 Reduced requirements of $30,100 relate to the travel of staff to undertake research and collection of data and to maintain liaison with specialized agencies, international financial and trade institutions and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

General operating expenses

9.67 The estimated requirements of $75,700 represent the Division's share of the maintenance and support of the LAN technical infrastructure (including central servers) necessary for the support of central management services such as e-mail, UNIX for IMIS, etc.

Equipment

9.68 A reduced provision of $31,800 is requested to upgrade and replace computer equipment in the Division.

D. Programme support

Table 9.16 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1994-1995 expenditures*	*1996-1997 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1998-1999 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 994.8	1 761.7	107.0	6.0	1 868.7	116.9	1 985.6
Other staff costs	173.1	272.7	(70.8)	(25.9)	201.9	12.2	214.1
General operating expenses	422.5	274.3	97.7	35.6	372.0	22.4	394.4
Hospitality	4.3	4.7	—	—	4.7	0.3	5.0
Supplies and materials	61.1	59.4	—	—	59.4	3.5	62.9
Furniture and equipment	18.0	23.9	(9.8)	(41.0)	14.1	0.8	14.9
Total	**2 673.8**	**2 396.7**	**124.1**	**5.1**	**2 520.8**	**156.1**	**2 676.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1994-1995 expenditures	*1996-1997 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1998-1999 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
172.0	106.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	106.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
172.0	**106.0**	**Total**	**106.0**
2 845.8	**2 502.7**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**2 782.9**

Table 9.17 **Post requirements**

Programme: Programme support

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1996-1997	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*	*1996-1997*	*1998-1999*
Professional category and above								
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
General service category								
Principal level	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other levels	8	8	—	—	1	1	9	9
Total	**10**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**11**	**11**
Grand total	**13**	**13**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**14**	**14**

9.69 The Executive Office provides programme support and other management services, such as initiation of recruitment, administration of personnel, financial management, resource planning and other common services, to the Department.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

9.70 The staff requirements for the Executive Office comprise 3 Professional and 10 General Service posts. The growth of $107,000 reflects the application of new standardized vacancy rates.

Other staff costs

9.71 The estimated requirements of $201,900 relate to (a) general temporary assistance funds ($152,000) for the temporary replacement of staff of the Department on extended sick leave and maternity leave and the engagement of additional staff during peak workload periods; and (b) overtime ($49,900) for the additional hours worked by the staff of the Department at peak workload periods.

General operating expenses

9.72 The estimated requirements of $372,000 relate to (a) rental of office automation and data-processing equipment for the Executive Office ($24,100); (b) communications ($331,600), including costs of telephone and facsimile communications and other related expenses for the Department as a whole; (c) $7,100 for maintenance of office equipment; and (d) miscellaneous costs ($9,200) to cover various requirements arising from the activities of the Department. The growth of $97,700 reflects actual requirements for communications on the basis of past expenditure patterns.

Supplies and materials

9.73 The estimated requirements of $59,400 relate to expendable office supplies and materials, particularly data-processing supplies, for the Department as a whole.

Hospitality

9.74 An estimated amount of $4,700 would be required in connection with the sessions of the intergovernmental bodies serviced by the Department.

Furniture and equipment

9.75 The estimated requirements of $14,100 relate to the replacement of office automation equipment for the Executive Office.